

Summary of Parking Ordinance Changes

Chapter	Section	Item	Suggested Change	Explanation
10.16	<i>Throughout</i>		<i>Referencing tables 10.16.330 & 10.16.340 for fees and penalties</i>	<i>Listing fees and penalties in a table makes look up more convenient for customer and updating more streamlined for parking services.</i>
10.16.020	Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets	B & C	Additional penalties and option to impound vehicle	Increase disincentives for illegal parking
10.16.055	<i>Residential Parking Program</i>		<i>4 Change fee from \$10/year to \$5/month</i>	<i>Per strategy, need to transition residential permit holders to monthly fee, with the intent to a) move vehicles off street in downtown core and b) provide appropriate revenue for adequate enforcement in South Capital neighborhood.</i>
10.16.030	Recreational vehicle parking on city streets over 24 hours or between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. prohibited without permit	B.1	Adding 'conversion vans' to list	New type of vehicle not currently covered in OMC
10.16.070	Free parking areas	Section header, A, & B	Changing 'area' to 'zone', adding 'one hour' to list of zones	The term 'zone' is industry standard. 'Area' comes across as amorphous.
10.16.110	Parking of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds within metered parking spaces	C.1 & C.2	Restricting parking to motor driven cycles only and adding penalty.	This prohibits small cars from using motorcycle stalls
10.16.120	Tampering with parking enforcement process is a violation	B & C	Specifying meter hoods and signs as enforcement process and replacing "boot" with "immobilization device"	Needed explicit prohibition on tampering with signs and meter hoods, and boots may be joined by 'barnacles', which affix to the windshield.
10.16.130	<i>Parking Meters - Methods of fee payment: coins, prepaid cards, credit or debit cards, and permits</i>	<i>D & E</i>	<i>changing 'parking meters' to 'metered parking'</i>	<i>Allows for broader use of payment devices, including mobile pay-by-phone options.</i>
10.16.140	<i>City parking lots -- Regulations</i>		<i>Specifying that Senior permits are required for parking at the Olympia Center on-site lot</i>	<i>clears up confusion about who is allowed to park at lot</i>
10.16.150	<i>City parking lots and meters - Fee schedules</i>		<i>changing 'parking meters' to 'metered parking'</i>	<i>Allows for broader use of payment devices, including mobile pay-by-phone options.</i>
10.16.210	Prohibited parking	C	Add city-vehicle designated spaces to prohibited parking	Need explicit prohibition on parking in spaces reserved for city vehicles

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10.16.220	General parking prohibitions	A.21, A.22, B, C and D	Add meter hoods, cones, and barricades to list of prohibited parking, remove exception to subsection A14 (fire hydrant), specifying "one hour" as period between citations, and allowing for impoundment for hazardous vehicles after 3 citations or 24 hours after a meter was hooded	Need explicit prohibition on parking at barricades and meter hoods, clarifying fee for parking at a fire hydrant, and enabling parking services to move hazardous vehicles
10.16.230	Disabled parking	New Ordinance	Add ordinance establishing time limits for disabled parking at meters and in timed zones	Without a time limit, disabled placards function as a universal parking permit, encouraging misuse. The 4-hour limit is consistent with State Law.
10.16.270	Penalties		shortening timeframe for latefees	This relates to shortening timeframe for immobilization and impoundment (10.16.280-300)
10.16.280	Parking Services' Scofflaw List (vehicles involved in eight or such greater number of parking tickets unpaid more than sixty days after their issuance)	G	Remove "and OMC Section 10.16.290, Immobilization,"	A hearing for an immobilized vehicle would prevent vehicle from being impounded, leaving it on the street for days, if not weeks.
10.16.280	Parking Services' Scofflaw List	A.	Reducing number of tickets from eight to three, and time period from sixty to thirty	constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment.
10.16.290	Immobilization	A, B, C, and D	Change "boot" to "immobilization device" and describe barnacle	Immobilization technology changing to include other methods of immobilizing vehicles
10.16.290	Immobilization	B	Reducing number of tickets from eight to three, and time period from sixty to thirty	constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment.
10.16.300	Impoundment	A.7, A.8, A.9	Adding hazardous vehicles with 3 consecutive restricted citations, 12 hour hooded meters, and vehicles in load zones with 3 consecutive citations over 24 hours	Having the authority to impound allows business to continue, reduces chaos.
10.16.300	Impoundment	A.1	Reducing number of tickets from twelve to five, and time period from sixty to thirty	constraining the number of tickets and days prevents the excessive accumulation of citations which often leads to fine amounts greater than the value of the vehicle, leading to abandonment.

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10.16.310	Downtown Carpool Parking Program	A, D.1.a.vii.	Changing "free of" to "without" and requiring permit renewal by first of following month.	"free" can give the false impression that the permit is free, and the code needed specificity pertaining to the renewal deadline.
10.16.320	Expired or improper license plates	New Ordinance	Prohibits parking in right-of-way with improperly displayed plates	RCW requires valid registration to operate vehicle, but it is often difficult to catch operators in the act. \$30 penalty encourages responsible vehicle ownership
10.16.330	Fee Schedule	New Ordinance	Add table to list fees associated with parking	Linking ordinances to a fee table streamlines the updating process.
10.16.340	Penalty schedule	New Ordinance	Add table to list penalties associated with parking	Linking ordinances to a penalty table streamlines the updating process.
10.20.040	Curb-loading zone designation taxi zones- passenger and freight	Header, B, D, and E	Adding "with permit", removing "bus stops", adding chain violations, and option to impound	Loading zones are important to the movement of products and services. Restricting access via permits, increasing the penalties, and adding the option to impound an offending vehicle will return the flow of commerce back to normal faster.
10.20.070	RCW parking enforcement - Administrative fees	New Ordinance	Specify administration fees added to enforcement of RCW 46.19.050 and RCW 46.08.185	Enforcing RCW costs the City money that is not recouped by the citation.
10.20.090	Civil Authority	adding/updating RCW	Add 46.55.113 - Removal by police officer - definition	RCW authorizes police to impound vehicles on the right of way with expired tabs over 45 days.